

ORAL HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE
November 19, 2004
MINUTES

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Patricia Craddock, DDS, Chairperson, Nevada Dental Association
Michelle Kling, RN, Division Director, Washoe County District Health Department (WCDHD)
Maureen Fanning, RN, Public Health Nurse Manager, Clark County Health District (CCHD)
Mike Johnson, LADC, BS, Saint Mary's Outreach Programs
Betty Pate, RDH, M.Ed, University and Community College System of Nevada, Nevada Dental Hygienists' Association
Joseph Patero, Senior Advocate
Sharon Peterson, RDH, M.Ed, State Board of Dental Examiners
Mark Rosenberg, DDS, MPH
Victor A. Sandoval, MPH, DDS, Professor, University of Nevada Las Vegas (UNLV) School of Dental Medicine
Tyree Davis, DDS, Clinical Manager, Miles for Smiles

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

Pastor Anthony Steele, Bethel AME Church
Carol White, Ed.D, Coordinator, Positive Behavior Support, University of Nevada Reno (UNR)

NEVADA STATE HEALTH DIVISION STAFF PRESENT

Judith Wright, Bureau Chief, Bureau of Family Health Services (BFHS)
Chris Forsch, RDH, BS, Health Program Specialist 2, BFHS
Terri Chandler, Coalition Coordinator, BFHS
R. Michael Sanders, DMD, Ed.M., Director of Patient Care Services, UNLV, School of Dental Medicine, State Dental Health Consultant
Tami Terstege, Administrative Assistant 4, BFHS

OTHERS PRESENT

Robert O. Cooley, DDS, Director, University of Nevada School of Medicine (UNSOM), Pediatric Dental Residency Program
Phil Nowak, Chief, Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP)
Dolores Jones, Health Coordinator, Economic Opportunity Board (EOB), Health Services
Maury Astly, Executive Director, Nevada Dental Association

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Patricia Craddock called the Oral Health Advisory Committee (OHAC) to order at **9:30 am** at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) School of Dental Medicine. This was a public meeting and the public was invited to make comments. In accordance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law, this meeting was posted at the following locations: Bureau of Family Health Services (BFHS), Carson City; Kinhead Building, Carson City; Nevada State Library and Archives, Carson City; Washoe County District Health Department (WCDHD), Reno; Clark County Health District (CCHD), Las Vegas; Elko Nursing Office, Elko; UNLV School of Dental Medicine, Las Vegas and the Nevada State Health Division website at www.health2k.state.nv.us.

Introductions were made around the table.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 23, 2004

Michelle Kling motioned for the minutes to be approved. Maureen Fanning seconded. **MOTION APPROVED.**

STATE DENTAL HEALTH CONSULTANT REPORT

Dr. Michael Sanders deferred his report.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION OF THE ORAL HEALTH PROGRAM REPORT AND DIRECTION TO THE PROGRAM

Chris Forsch stated, referring to the report handout, she did not have any further information regarding the financial report. She continued on to goals one through ten.

Goal One. To Maintain Oral Health Program Leadership Capacity

Ms. Forsch informed the OHAC that Terri Chandler, Registered Dental Hygienist (RDH), has been contracted for the Coalition Coordinator position based in Las Vegas. She will provide outreach and support to the oral health coalitions in Clark, Washoe, Lyon and Elko Counties.

Goal Two. To Describe The Oral Health Disease Burden, Health Disparities And Unmet Needs In The State

Ms. Forsch stated since the last meeting there have been a number of reports issued, the Oral Health Program Report 2004, the Burden of Oral Disease 2004, and the Healthy Smile-Happy Child Head Start Survey 2004.

Goal Three. To Update A Comprehensive Five-year State Oral Health Plan

A work group has been established to start planning for the 2005 State Oral Health Summit. The members include Ms. Forsch, Kelly Marshall (Social Entrepreneurs, Inc.), Michael Sanders, Mike Rodolico (Health Access Washoe County (HAWC)), Mark Rosenberg, Terry Clark (Miles for Smiles) and Diane Thorkeldson (High Sierras Area Health Education Center). The summit has been tentatively set for March 17 and 18, 2005 in Reno. Ms. Forsch asked Ms. Chandler to give the committee some information concerning what she has been doing in Clark County. Ms. Chandler stated she has been making contacts with the tribal community. Ms. Chandler stated at the Paiute Reservation in Las Vegas there is a center being built which will provide medical and dental care

Goal Four. To Sustain A Diverse Statewide Oral Health Coalition To Assist In Formulation Of Plans, Guide Projects And Identify Additional Financial Resources

The new Coalition Coordinator has been in contact with all of the Oral Health Coalitions in the State and is focusing on learning about individual coalition needs and has already started providing assistance to the coalitions as opportunities are identified.

Goal Five. To Enhance The Oral Disease Surveillance Systems By Continuing To Collect, Analyze And Disseminate Data To Support Program Activity

The Biostatistician and Fluoridation Consultant have started planning for the 2005 Basic Screening Survey. Assisted living facilities and Senior Centers throughout the state have been contacted. The data collected is being analyzed to determine the sample to be screened.

Goal Six. To Identify Prevention Opportunities For Systematic, Socio-political And/Or Policy Change To Improve Oral Health By Conducting A Periodic Assessment Of Policy And Systems Level Strategies With Potential To Reduce Oral Disease

Papers on oral health access/infrastructure, early childhood oral health needs, oral health care for older adults, community water fluoridation, sealants and the dental workforce have been printed

and are also available on the Oral Health program website at <http://health2k.state.nv.us/oral.ohfactsheets.htm>. State and County specific fact sheets are also available. Dr. Craddock, who serves as the dental representative on the Medicaid Medical Care Advisory Committee (MCAC) will submit a list of names for consideration for appointment to a dental subcommittee. They include: herself, Michael Banks, Tyree Davis, Joel Glover, Mike Johnson, Mike Rodolico, Jade Miller and Michael Sanders. Sheri Peterson requested a dental hygienist also be appointed.

Goal Seven. To Develop And Coordinate Partnerships To Increase State Level And Community Capacity To Address Specific Oral Disease Prevention Intervention

Since July 1, 2004, the Health Educator has presented Prevent Abuse and Neglect through Dental Awareness (P.A.N.D.A.) training three times. Healthy Smile-Happy Child (Early Childhood Caries prevention) has been presented seven times. The Health Educator has also presented Oral Screening K-12 to fifty school nurses from Churchill, Douglas, Elko and Washoe County School Districts. The partnership with the Nevada Broadcaster's Association (NBA) has concluded. A total of 18,181 radio and television spots with a combined value of \$1,921,515 were aired during the term of the contract. The Oral Health Program has requested approval from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to use the \$25,157 of the carry over from last year's cooperative extension to expand the 1DAY program. If approved, funding will be used to increase the hours of the program's administrative assistant, thereby freeing the program manager's time so she can focus on increasing the number of prophylaxis/sealant/screening days held each year. The Oral Health Program Manager continues to represent the program by serving on national, state and local committees and boards.

Goal Eight. To Coordinate And Implement A Limited Community Water Fluoridation Program

The Fluoridation Consultant has developed a new brochure on fluoridation supplementation for parents. The brochure had been approved by Administration and is now in the process of being printed.

Goal Nine. To Evaluate, Document And Share State Program Accomplishments, Best Practices, Lessons Learned And Use Of Evaluation Results

The 2004 Oral Health Program Annual Report contains the most complete analysis of program accomplishments to date. The CDC has selected the Nevada Oral Health Program for a Program Highlight. Once a year, each Division of the CDC identifies two programs they consider to have the most successful outcomes and the Division prepares a report on the two programs for presentation to the Division Director. This is the second time Nevada has been selected. In addition, in October the CDC sent an Epidemiology Investigations Officer to Nevada to prepare a report on Nevada's Oral Health Surveillance System. His report found Nevada to have an excellent oral health surveillance system, one on which other states could model theirs.

Goal Ten. To Develop, Coordinate And Implement Limited School-Based Or School Linked Dental Sealant Programs.

The Health Education Information Office/Sealant Coordinator has been working closely with the dental hygienist who lives in Eureka. Since September, she has placed sealants at schools in Owyhee, Jackpot, Wells, Elko, Eureka and Crescent Valley. She, as well as other volunteer dental hygienists, are in the process of obtaining Public Health Endorsements. Oral Health America (OHA) and Ronald McDonald House Charities have announced a new partnership to address the epidemic of oral disease in children without access to routine oral health care. Ronald McDonald House Global is providing a one year grant to OHA in support of Smiles Across America (SAA), a school-based oral health program that works with local businesses, schools, elected officials,

care providers, and foundations to bring dental care to children who need it most. SAA is providing the sealant program in southern Nevada with \$25,000 for SFY 05

REPORT ON MEDICAID/FIRST HEALTH TELECONFERENCE CALLS AND DIRECTION TO PROGRAM

Ms. Forsch explained to the Committee that up until just recently, conference calls have been held twice a month with First Health, Medicaid and stakeholders such as the Nevada Dental Association and the Northern and Southern Nevada Dental Societies. During those calls different claims issues had been identified and solutions proposed. Issues ranged from specific code issues to provider issues with billing. Ms. Forsch stated there were not any new issues coming up or new providers being identified so the calls have been stopped and they will now be held on an as needed basis. There was a group discussion about how providers should relay questions about the issues they are having to the individuals who participate on the conference calls. Ms. Forsch asked the committee if they felt it was time to ask the Dental Societies and/or Dental Association to send out a batch fax or e-mail concerning the process. A discussion then followed about the provision of dental services to children enrolled in Head Start in Clark County. Dolores Jones, the Health Coordinator for the Economic Opportunity Board (EOB) stated Head Start and Early Head Start grantees must ensure children enrolled in Head Start receive dental services within a time frame mandated by the federal government (within 90 days of enrollment). Children enrolled in EOB Head Start who are eligible for Medicaid or Nevada ✓ Check Up have not been able to get served within the ninety day time frame. Dr. Sanders informed her UNLV has extended their hours during the week and they are open on Saturdays to help the EOB Head Start families needing appointments. He stated there are Saturdays on which only one patient shows up so this information is not being communicated to Head Start families. Dr. Sanders stated the best way to utilize the appointments is to have the Head Start families contact him directly. The Committee then discussed the relationship between Medicaid, Nevada ✓ Check Up and Health Maintenance Organizations (HMOs). Phil Nowak informed the committee the bulk of the Medicaid and Nevada ✓ Check Up children in Clark County are served through the UNLV School of Dental Medicine through managed care contracts with HMOs. Mr. Nowak stated outside of Clark County there are no dental HMOs and children enrolled in Medicaid and Nevada ✓ Check Up can see any Medicaid or Nevada ✓ Check Up enrolled private provider. Mr. Nowak stated Medicaid and Nevada ✓ Check Up clients who do not reside in Clark County are only enrolled in an HMO for medical care, not dental care. Mr. Nowak acknowledged more notice must be made of expanded hours and the ability of providers to log into EVS to check eligibility. Ms. Forsch then informed the OHAC that Medicaid has a standing Medical Care Advisory Committee (MCAC) which has Clinical Review Advisory Committees (CRAC) which are subcommittees to the MCAC. Ms. Forsch stated one of them is the Dental CRAC, however the Dental CRAC has only met once and it was some time ago. Ms. Forsch stated a letter went to the Administrator of the Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP) asking him to re-convene the Dental CRAC and expand its membership. The MCAC is meeting in December and on their agenda they have the discussion of re-establishing the Dental CRAC. A list of names for consideration by the MCAC was submitted by the Chair of the existing Dental CRAC and by the Nevada Dental Association. Ms. Forsch stated some of the names are Dr. Craddock, Dr. Michael Banks, Dr. Davis, Dr. Joel Glover, Michael Johnson, Dr. Mike Rodolico, Dr. Jade Miller and Dr. Sanders. Ms. Forsch stated the group will probably be meeting quarterly and they will be meeting with representatives from First Health and Medicaid. One of the things they will be looking at will be developing policy. In summary, Ms. Forsch confirmed the Nevada Dental Association will be asked to send out another communication to members informing them that issues concerning First Health and/or Medicaid should be communicated to the Nevada Dental Association or the Northern or Southern Nevada Dental Societies so they can be discussed on a

conference call; Dr. Rosenberg and Mr. Nowak will be having a meeting to discuss Indian Health Service; Dr. Sanders and Ms. Jones will have a follow up meeting regarding dental Services for children enrolled in EOB Head Start.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION REGARDING STRATEGIES BY ORAL HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2004 STATE ORAL HEALTH PLAN

Ms. Forsch went over Goals four and five. Goal four of the 2004 State Oral Health Plan is to “Develop sustainability of the state Oral Health Program.” Ms Forsch asked the OHAC if they had any specific ideas or suggestions. Ms Forsch stated under Goal four, Objective 4.1 “Build and nurture broad based coalitions that incorporate the views and expertise of all stakeholders and tailored to specific populations, conditions or programs”, just having a Coalition Coordinator will help. The OHAC suggested seeking more funding and encouraging the coalitions to work with the Legislature. Ms Forsch continued on with Goal five. Goal five is to “Promote effective disease prevention strategies and programs.” The objectives under Goal five promote the establishment and expansion of new school-based sealant programs, the use of sealants by safety-net providers and private practitioners, fluoridation, fluoride varnish, and oral health education. Under Objective 5.2, one strategy identified is to have the State Dental Health Consultant write an article on dental sealants for publication in the Journal of the Nevada Dental Association. Ms. Forsch stated the deadline to submit an article for the next issue of the Journal of the Nevada Dental Association is January; she asked Dr. Sanders to write an article on sealants for it. Dr. Rosenberg asked about safety-net providers and any plans to provide sealants at immunization or nursing clinics using dental students or hygiene students. Ms. Forsch informed him the limiting factor to do this was portable dental equipment. If additional equipment was obtained, this could be a possibility. Ms. Forsch continued with Objective 5.3, “Promote an increase in the percent of Nevadans with access to optimally fluoridated community water systems”. She suggested the Committee identify some of its members who would be effective speakers to help with testimony concerning fluoridation. Dr Davis and Dr. Sanders were nominated. Ms. Forsch stated she would coordinate with them and will get some more interested members to have available if needed. Discussion then focused on Objective 5.4, “Promote the establishment of community-based fluoride varnish programs”. Ms Forsch stated the Orvis School of Nursing students have implemented a community-based fluoride varnish program for at-risk populations in Washoe County. Maureen Fanning stated fluoride varnish is applied to each child as apart of the well child visits with the CCHD. Ms Forsch asked Ms. Jones from EOB if there was someone providing fluoride varnish applications for children enrolled in EOB Head Start on a regular basis. Ms. Jones answered “no”. Ms. Forsch stated she felt this was something the coalition could work on. Regarding Objective 5.5, “Promote the integration of oral health education into existing education programs such as tobacco and drug cessation, pre-natal and parenting classes”, Maury Astley suggested the committee work with Assemblywomen Kathy McClain who chairs the Task Force for the Fund for a Healthy Nevada (tobacco settlement fund) or someone else to see if there is a way to have an oral health education component required in Fund for a Healthy Nevada grant applications. Mr. Astley added he has about three cases of brochures on spit tobacco he is willing to give to anyone who can use them. Goals six and seven will be reviewed at the next OHAC meeting.

COMMITTEE CALENDAR DETERMINE DATE FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Ms. Forsch suggested the Committee meet in February and have the meeting in Las Vegas. It was suggested the meeting be held at EOB. The meeting will be held on Friday, February 18, 2005 at 9:30 am. **MOTION APPROVED** by consensus.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND DISCUSSION

Dr. Sandoval informed the OHAC on the week of December 6-10, 2004, the Colgate/Palmolive Company will send their Bright Smiles Bright Futures program to Las Vegas and will be going to some of the elementary schools. Ms. Forsch asked if someone from the Southern Nevada Dental Association was involved in this and if not they should be. Ms. Forsch stated she would give Dr. Sandoval the contact information for Dixie Rogers, Manager of the 1Day Program.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at **12:05 pm.**